

CLARE RURAL DISTRICT

in the

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1962

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Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of
Clare, in the County of West Suffolk, for the year
ended the 31st December, 1962.

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.

November, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Clare Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1962.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me in
compiling the Report by the Clerk of the Council and the Engineer and
Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.

My thanks are also offered to the Chairman and all members of the
Public Health Committee for their very real help and encouragement
throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A. FARNILL MORGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

1. (Figures in brackets throughout the Report relate to the previous year)

Area of the District	(49,360 acres)	49,360 acres
Number of Parishes	(24)	24
Rateable Value	(£82,004)	£85,983
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	(£328)	£366
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	(2,980)	2,906
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	(9,000)	June 1962 9,380
Population (1961 census)		8,815

2. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Medical Officer of Health who also serves other Districts.

(b) Senior Public Health Inspector :-

Mr. H. A. Smith (appointed November, 1944) who also holds the office
of Engineer and Surveyor.

Additional Public Health Inspector :-

Mr. W.H.R. Gilling (commenced duties with the Council on 1st
July, 1958 and left the Council's service on 30th November, 1962)
The Council are endeavouring to fill this vacancy.

(c) A senior and two additional Public Health Inspectors and four authorised
officers are appointed for the purpose of whole time meat inspection
at the Little Wrattling Abattoir.

3. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>							<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate							(64)	79	(57)	40	(121)	119
Illegitimate							(4)	3	(7)	2	(11)	5
Total							(68)	82	(64)	42	(132)	124
Live birth rate per 1,000 population.. ..							..		..		(13.3)	13.2
Corrected birth rate (Comparability Factor 1.21).. ..							..		..		(16.1)	16.0
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)							..		..		(17.4)	18.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births							..		..		(8.3)	4.0

<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>							<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate							(1)	3	(1)	1	(2)	4
Illegitimate							(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Total							(1)	3	(1)	1	(2)	4
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still births .. ..							..		..		(14.9)	31.3
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still births (England & Wales)							..		..		(18.7)	18.1

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.</u>							<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate							(65)	82	(58)	41	(123)	123
Illegitimate							(4)	3	(7)	2	(11)	5
Total							(69)	85	(65)	43	(134)	128

<u>DEATHS.</u>							<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
							(60)	57	(51)	44	(111)	101
Death rate per 1,000 population .. .. .							..		..		(12.1)	10.8
Corrected death rate (Comparability Factor 0.84).. ..							..		..		(10.4)	9.0
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)							..		..		(12.0)	11.9

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age.

							<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate							(2)	4	(0)	0	(2)	4
Illegitimate							(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Total							(2)	4	(0)	0	(2)	4

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .. ..							..		..		(15.1)	32.3
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)							..		..		(21.4)	21.4
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ..							..		..		(16.5)	33.6

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births		(15.1)	32.3
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births		(15.1)	24.2
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths								(29.8)	54.7
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MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of deaths (including abortion)		(0)	1
Death rate per 1,000 total live and still births		(0)	7.8

RATES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS :

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Adjusted birth rates	13.8	21.0	14.1	17.7	16.8	16.1	16.0
Adjusted death rates	12.7	10.2	9.6	10.9	9.1	10.4	9.0

4. CAUSES OF DEATH.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Tuberculosis (all forms)	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
Syphilitic disease	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
Measles	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Whooping Cough	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Diphtheria	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Cancer (all types)	(8)	8	(9)	6	(17)	14
Heart Disease (all forms)	(15)	23	(14)	10	(29)	33
Other circulatory disease	(2)	3	(1)	3	(3)	6
Vascular lesions of the nervous system..	(13)	11	(9)	11	(22)	22
Diabetes	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0
Influenza	(1)	1	(2)	1	(3)	2
Pneumonia	(5)	4	(3)	3	(8)	7
Bronchitis	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)	2
Other diseases of the respiratory system	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Accidents (Motor Vehicles)	(2)	0	(0)	0	(2)	0
Accidents (not motor vehicles)	(1)	1	(2)	1	(3)	2
Suicide	(2)	0	(0)	0	(?)	0
Nephritis	(0)	0	(0)	0	()	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	(3)	0	(0)	0	(3)	0
Congenital malformation	(0)	1	(1)	0	(1)	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	(6)	5	(6)	6	(12)	11
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion			(0)	1	(0)	1
Total (all causes)	(60)	57	(51)	44	(111)	101

5. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Scarlet Fever	(2)	1	(2)	0	(4)	1
Whooping Cough	(13)	0	(14)	0	(27)	0
Measles	(103)	3	(96)	1	(199)	4
Pneumonia	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
Erysipelas	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
Food Poisoning	(2)	0	(0)	0	(2)	0
Puerperal Pyrexia			(0)	1	(0)	1
	(120)	4	(114)	2	(234)	6

6. TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>			<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1. Cases at commencement 1962	15	7	22	2	1	3	25
2. First notified during 1962	5	-	5	-	1	1	6
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by Transfers	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
5. Cases removed from Register	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
6. Remaining at end of 1962	21	6	27	2	2	4	31

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY YOUR CHIEF PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTOR :-

A. WATER SUPPLIES.

The Council's main sources of supply are at Great Wratting and Depden.

Water is pumped from duplicate boreholes at Great Wratting to an underground storage reservoir near Hundon Hall which supplies nineteen of the parishes in the area and also the Stradishall R.A.F. Station. Analysis shows the water to be wholesome and fit for drinking. It is chlorinated at the source. Hardness is given as 401 parts per million.

Five parishes in the north of the area are supplied from the Depden Tower with water pumped from the Thingoe R.D.C. reservoir in the adjoining parish of Rode. This water is shown on analysis to be wholesome and fit for drinking purposes and with a hardness of 272 parts per million.

Bulk supplies are given to Mildenhall, Thingoe and Haverhill Councils and a supply to seven houses in the Halstead Rural area.

A supply is received from Haverhill U.D.C. for the Meldham Bridge area of Withersfield parish for a population of about forty, and about fifteen people in the Stansfield and Hawkedon parishes receive a direct supply from the mains of Melford R.D.C. which pass through these parishes.

92 houses are supplied at Stoke-by-Clare from the mains of the Stoke College Estate.

At the end of the year the number of houses receiving a mains supply was 2,953, or 94.4% of the total houses in this area.

During the year a new 10 inch cast iron pumping main was laid from Great Wratting boreholes to the Hundon reservoir and work proceeded with the building of an aeration and contact tank at the rear of the pumphouse. The two borehole pumps have been remodelled to increase delivery from 15,000 to 30,000 gallons per hour per pump. Both are driven by 49 H.P. electric motors.

Work progressed towards the enlargement of the existing pumphouse to accommodate two new booster pumps capable of boosting 40,000 gallons per hour and each driven by 110 h.p. electric motors.

When this augmentation scheme is finished next year this source of supply will produce up to 750,000 gallons per day.

The schedule on the following page shows the number of houses supplied from mains, with water satisfactory both in quality and quantity to a population, based on the Registrar General's estimate of 30th June, 1961, of 8,754 or 95.3% of the total inhabitants in the area.

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WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

PARISH	Water supplied from Public Mains						Own Supply		
	Direct to Houses			By Standpipes					
	Occupied	Pop.	Empty	Occ.	Pop.	Empty	Occ.	Pop.	Empty
<u>Low Level Area Supply.</u>									
Barnadiston	33	104	4	4	12	2	2	6	-
Bradley, Great	60	190	3	14	44	3	1	3	2
Bradley, Little	21	66	-	-	-	-	4	12	-
Cavendish	187	591	5	42	133	4	22	69	-
Clare	393	1242	12	71	224	23	15	47	4
Denston	39	123	1	17	54	7	-	-	-
Hawkedon	39	123	6	7	22	-	2	6	1
Hundon	141	446	8	40	126	6	4	12	2
Kedington	134	423	4	41	129	6	13	41	9
Poslingford	43	136	1	23	72	1	12	38	2
Stansfield	60 A	189	4	24	76	-	2	6	6
Stoke-by-Clare	63	199	1	7	22	-	92 B	290	-
Stradishall	68 C	215	-	12	38	1	3	9	-
R.A.F.	100	316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thurlow Great	59	186	2	13	47	-	6	19	-
Thurlow Little	69	218	1	19	60	9	1	3	-
Wixoe	26	82	-	4	12	1	3	9	-
Wratting Great	57	180	3	10	32	3	-	-	1
Wratting Little	44	139	4	10	32	2	2	6	-
Withersfield	83 D	262	2	37	117	6	10	31	1
Wickhambrook	160	506	5	51	161	12	13	41	3
	1879	5938	63	446	1413	86	207	648	31
<u>High Level Area.</u>									
Cowlinge	81	256	3	18	57	3	5	16	-
Depden	49	155	2	5	16	2	4	12	1
Ousden	50	158	-	17	54	7	4	12	2
Lidgate	61	193	6	14	44	6	-	-	2
Wickhambrook	47	149	2	10	31	4	9	28	1
	288	911	13	64	202	22	22	68	6
Totals :	2167	6849	76	510	1615	108	229	716	37

- A - Includes 3 houses supplied by Melford R.D.C.
 B - Supplied by Stoke College Estate.
 C - Includes 2 houses supplied by R.A.F. Station.
 D - Includes 15 houses supplied by Haverhill U.D.C.

SUMMARY

Houses

Total occupied houses at 31.12.62. - 2906
 " empty " at 31.12.62. - 221
 " receiving piped water from the Council - 2861
 " receiving piped water (Council and private mains) - 2953 (94.4%)

Population

Registrar General's Estimate 30th June 1961 - 9180
 Receiving piped water from the Council - 8464
 Receiving piped water (Council & Private mains) - 8754 (95.3%)

B. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Modern Disposal Works, about one half mile east of Clare accept and treat sewage from Clare and Cavendish. There are four pumping stations and a sludge pump at the Works which are designed for a population of 2,400. Analysis of final effluent shows in general that the works are giving good results. A full time caretaker is employed who is assisted on average four hours per week, in de-sludging and clearance of screenings and sludge, etc.

It became obvious early in the year, that if housing development proceeded on land given planning consent for that use, these works would be overloaded. The Council decided to have plans prepared to increase the size of works, together with pumping mains and additional sewers to permit the treatment of sewage from a population of 6,000, and to include in the Scheme the hamlet of Chilton Street and the village of Poslingford.

Kedington and Great Wratting.

Work proceeded with the laying of sewers to serve both these parishes and the building of disposal works east of Kedington. The scheme will be in operation early next year and is designed for a population of 2,100. Sewage is drained to a pumping station at Great Wratting and pumped to a sewer in Kedington from whence it flows with sewage from Kedington, to a pumping station in the centre of the village. Pumps at this station will deliver all sewage to the disposal works through a seven inch pumping main.

Hundon and Stoke-by-Clare.

Both these schemes are proceeding towards contract stage and it is anticipated that work will commence early next year.

Other Village Schemes.

Plans are in preparation for Village Schemes at Lidgate, Wickhambrook, Great Bradloy, Great and Little Thurlow and the Ministry have agreed to hold an investigation into these Schemes in January of next year.

Arising out of an investigation by the Ministry into the Withersfield Scheme, in January, negotiations with the Haverhill U.D.C. regarding the possibility of draining to their works, are proceeding.

At the close of the year the question had not been decided but financial implications rather suggest the original scheme will be resorted to.

There may well be other parishes in the area which can be sewerred and it is hoped the Council will permit these to be investigated.

C. PUBLIC CLEANSING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Household bin refuse is collected fortnightly from about 90 per cent of the houses in your area in all 24 parishes.

Collection is done by three fulltime employees and two vehicles.

Cesspools on Council house sites throughout the area are cleaned out under contract each quarter.

Refuse tips are in use at Kedington and Denston, and rodent control thereon is carried out by your own staff.

Collection of waste paper is done at the time of bin collection and paper sold unsorted in bulk. Collection of trade refuse is undertaken once a week in Clare, and a charge is made for this service.

D. INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following is a statement of the number and nature of inspections made by the Department during the year under various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the area.

Housing (Defects and Nuisances)	188
Housing Acts	128
Drainage installation and Building Byelaws	133
Housing Maintenance	159
Sewage Disposal	98
Factory Acts	17
Factory Outworkers	19
Infectious Diseases	3
Verminous Premises	6
Refuse collection and disposal	105
Caravans	39
Petroleum Acts	36
Rodent Control (including farms) and L.A. Premises	124
Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yards (Meat)	59
Food Inspection	6
Food Hygiene	93
Water Supply	52
Other matters	66

HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

The operation by the Council of Discretionary and Standard Grant schemes, in accordance with the Housing Act, have contributed in no small measure to the amount of improvement work and modernisation that continues to be carried out to properties in the area.

Since the scheme commenced 322 cottages have been improved with the aid of discretionary grants and 52 by way of standard grants.

PRE-WAR COUNCIL HOUSES.

Grant aid by the Ministry has assisted the Council in adding baths, water closets and hot water systems to 132 houses.

It is anticipated that a further 58 will be completed next year, to be followed by 66 in villages where sewerage schemes are proposed.

E. PROCEDURE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Housing complaints investigated	22
Informal notices sent to Owners	12
Complaints abated	10
Houses rendered fit after informal action	1
Statutory notices served	Nil
Prosecutions	Nil

PROCEDURE UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1957.

Houses on which demolition orders were made	17
Houses on which Closing Orders were made	Nil
Houses demolished by owners	8
Undertakings to make fit accepted	1
Houses made fit	3

NEW HOUSING AND HOUSING PROGRESS.

Council houses built and occupied	12
Council bungalows built and occupied	29
Private dwellings built and occupied	15

During the year six unfit cottages in Clare were purchased by the Council and work proceeded with their modernisation, to form old people's dwellings. Some special aids for the elderly are being incorporated.

A block of five old houses in Clare have been purchased with the intention of demolishing. It is expected that during next year work will commence on the erection on the site of eight flatlets for aged people.

At the end of the year 351 Council post-war dwellings had been built and occupied and 27 were under construction.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are none in the area.

CARAVANS.

There are number of individual caravans in the area controlled by an annual consent under the Town and Country Planning Act and every effort is made to see that essential services are available to safeguard the health of the occupants.

One licence under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 is in force for a site for four caravans, the land owner being given a period in which to comply with the required standards.

F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food premises in the area.

General Grocers	36
Butchers Shops	5
Greengrocers	1
Fish Shops	1
Bakers	3
Cafes	2
Public Houses	43

Ice Cream

No ice cream is manufactured in the area.

The following premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of pre-packed ice cream.

General stores and shops	22
Bakers	1
Public Houses	3

Food Hygiene Regulations.

Routine inspection of food premises made during 1962 showed a general high standard of cleanliness.

The inspection of mobile food vendors in the district revealed a reasonable standard of hygiene for this type of vehicle.

Improvement of sanitary amenities at several Public Houses have been completed during the year.

Offensive Trades.

There is one blood drying and gut scraping establishment licensed at the Blunts Hall Abattoir.

Licensed Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yards.

There is one licensed slaughterhouse and two knackers yards in the area.

The following animals (not for human consumption) were received at the Knackers Yards. Humane methods of slaughtering are used.

Cattle	299
Horses	21
Sheep	114
Pigs	54

Licensed Slaughtermen.

There are 47 licensed slaughtermen residing in the area.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.	NIL	NIL	281,758	NIL
Number inspected.	NIL		281,758	
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	343	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	Not known	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci		NIL	143,763 lbs.	
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	12	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	Not known	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	392,470 lbs.	
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	NIL	
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	

The bulk of the rejected meat is purchased by a contractor (outside your District) and processed into animals food, fertilizers, glues, greases, etc.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Acts 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Inspections (4)	Number of Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	2	2	Nil	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	33	11	Nil	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding outworkers' premises.	-	-	-	-
Total:	35	13	Nil	Nil

2. No cases of defects were found.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Works (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c) (3)
Making of wearing apparel	13	14
Box making, etc..	34	21
Total :		35

